

VDOT Involvement in Land Use

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- The Short Answer: \$
- The Longer Answer: because of the Byrd Act of 1932
 - But that's not really the whole story
- The Even Longer Answer: because land use generates traffic and highways provide access to land
 - Safety
 - Convenience
 - Economic Development

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VDOT Land Use-Related Programs

- Local/State Plan and Program Consistency
 - Review local comp plan transportation plan (and amendments)
 - Controlled by § 15.2-2223
- Traffic Impact Analysis (Chapter 527)
 - Provide traffic information on land use proposals
 - Controlled by § 15.2-2222.1 and 24 VAC 30-155
- Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements
 - Requirements for streets to be accepted by VDOT
 - Controlled by § 33.2-334 and 24 VAC 30-92
- Access Management
 - Regulate entrances/connections to state highways
 - Controlled by § 33.2-197 to § 33.2-199 and 24 VAC 30-73
- Land Use Permits
 - Regulate activities allowed to occur on highway R/W
 - Controlled by 24 VAC 30-151 (mostly)
- Junkyard and Outdoor Advertising Control
 - Controlled by Chapter 12 of Subtitle 2 of Title 33.2

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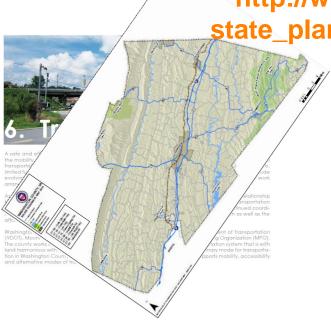
Manuals and Guidance Documents





Local/State Plan and Program Consistency (Chapter 729)

http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/info/localstate_plan_and_program_consistency.asp



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Plan and Program Consistency

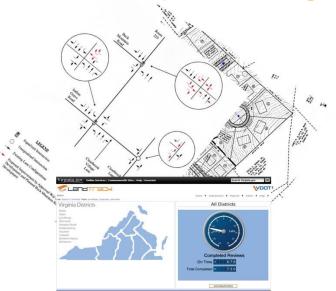
Localities to submit Transportation Plans (and plan amendments) to VDOT for review

- Transportation Plan is the transportation portion of the Comprehensive Plan
- VDOT reviews for consistency with VTrans, SYIP, CTB location of routes
 - Consistency means
 - CoSS designations included in Transportation Plan
 - Widening of Major Collectors and above listed in SYIP included in Transportation Plan
 - Projects with CTB location decisions included properly in Transportation Plan
 - Transportation Plan does not include something that would prevent above items
 - VDOT has 45 days to respond to locality



Traffic Impact Analysis Regulations (Chapter 527)

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/chapter527/default .asp



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Traffic Impact Analysis

Land development proposals to be submitted

- Comp Plan actions which "substantially affect transportation"
 - 5,000 additional trips per day; or
 - Materially alter future transportation infrastructure, travel patterns, ability to improve facilities
- Zonings which can be expected to generate
 - 5,000 trips per day (standard threshold)
 - 400 trips per day and at least equals existing traffic on road (for residential development only, low volume road threshold)
- Dependent upon location for rezoning
 - All items meeting above in localities where VDOT maintains the roads
 - Within 3,000 ft of connection to VDOT-maintained highway (within non-VDOT locality)
- Exception: Rezoning that does not increase allowable trips (daily and peak hour) over those allowed under existing zoning



Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/ssar/



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Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements

Sets out requirements for new streets to come into secondary system

- Does not apply to
 - VDOT-funded projects
 - Grandfathered development (that is covered by Subdivision Street Requirements)
- Street design
 - Road Design Manual
 - Appendix A for functional classification greater than local
 - Appendix B for SSR
 - Appendix B(1) for SSAR
 - Appendix B(2) for Multimodal Activity Centers (in certain localities)
 - Pavement Design Guide for Subdivision and Secondary Roads
- Other critical provisions
 - Connectivity
 - Pedestrian accommodation



Access Management

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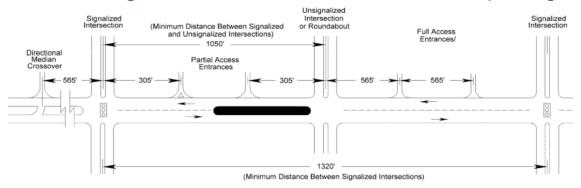


Access Management Regulations

Regulate entrances and connections to state highways

- Private entrance (§ 33.2-240)
 - 2 private homes, field entrance, low-volume utility use (less than 10 trips per day)
 - No sight distance requirement
- Low Volume Commercial Entrance (§ 33.2-241)
 - Up to 50 VPD
 - Stopping sight distance required
 - Uses private entrance design standards (including spacing)
- Commercial Entrance (§ 33.2-241)
 - All other entrances
 - Intersection sight distance required (may be waived to stopping sight distance)

Regulations and design standards include connection spacing requirements





Land Use Permits

http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-landUsePermits.asp



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Land Use Permits – 24 VAC 30-151

Permits needed for any activity (except travel) on VDOT Right of Way

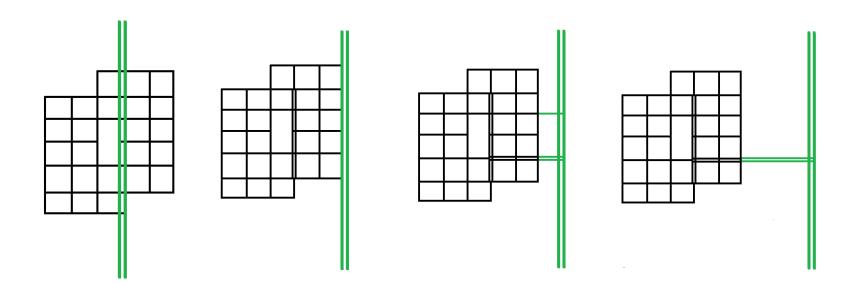
- District-wide permits
 - Utility service connections
 - Logging entrances (temporary)
 - Surveying
- Utility permits
- Entrances
- Assorted activities
 - Parades and races that block or stop traffic
 - Motorcycle rides and similar activities do NOT need permits
 - Signs
 - School speed limits
 - Memorials
 - Mobile food vending



Transportation and Land Use Example

"Macro" level

Location of multimodal development area/UDA/high density area





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